

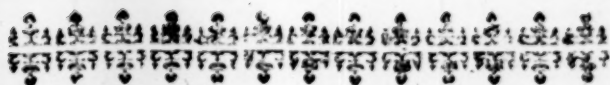
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*The RED-COATS Catechisme, or
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liaments Janizaries.*

Quest. **W**hat is your Name ?

Ans. Red-Coat.

Quest. Who gave you that Name ?

Ans. My God-Fathers and God-Mothers.

Quest. Who were they ?

Ans. Several. Necessity, Idleneſſe, Murder,
Rapiſe, Theft, principally the Devil and the Par-
liament.

Quest. I perceive you have Testimonies ſufficient to
bear witneſſe to your Name ; But what did theſe your
God-Fathers and God Mothers promiſe for you ?

Ans. That I ſhould all my Life long Live in
Penury, and Miſery ; that I ſhould alwaies with
the DOG preferre Hunger and Eaſe, before
Plenty and Diligence ; and not ſtick at any ad-
vantagious Acts though never ſo Villanous, and
that I ſhould promote the Slaughter, and Butche-
ring of my lawful Sovereign, and Sacrifice him to

the lust of the Elders the Parliament, and their
Caiaphas Cromwell.

Quest. Was this all they did engage for you?

Ans. No. They did Promise, and Vow three things in my Name First, That I should utterly forsake God and all his Works, and shake of all Obedience to the Pomp and Vanities of KING or House of LORDS with whatsoever is consonant either to Law or Gospel. Secondly, That I should believe all the Articles of the Parliaments Faith, & without Hesitation or Scruple. And Thirdly, To keep and observe all their Acts and Ordinances, and walk in the same all the daies of my Life.

Quest. Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe and do, as they have promised for thee?

Ans. Yes Verily and by the Devils help and Sir *Arthurs* I will, and I hartily thank our infernal Father *Belzebub*, that he hath called me to this state of Damnation, through his dear Child the Parliament. And I pray Satan to supply me continually with such Divelish intentions, as may continue me in it unto my lives end.

Quest. Rehearse the Articles of thy belief?

Ans. I believe in the Divel the Father of Sectaries and sworn enemy to Religion or Reason, and in his dearly beloved Spawn the Parliament, which was conceived by the necessities of the King, born of the discontents of the people: suffered under *Oliver Cromwell*, was dissolved, cashiered
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and turned out, and for a while sent packing to Hell; but at last rose again, and ascended into its former place, and now sitteth on the right hand of *London* that Rebellious and Stiffe-necked City; from whence it shall come to take vengeance of them for their stubborn misdemeanours, I believe in *Sir Arthur Hasleirigge* the whole number of *Se-
cretaries and Conventicles* the Council of State, the Act of Oblivion, the resurrection of my Lord *Lambert*, and the contrivance of our power to everlasting.

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn by this thy belief.

Ans. First, I learn to believe in the Parliament, who hath made me and all the rest of my good brethren.

Secondly in *General Nonke* who hath redeemed our Good old Cause from the jaws of the wicked.

Thirdly, In *Sir Arthur Hasleirigge* who by his strenuous endeavours hath sanctified our interest.

Quest. You told me that your *Good Father, and God-Mother* did promise for you, that you should keep and observe all the *Parliaments; Commandments* tell me how many there be?

Ans. Divers.

Quest. Which be they?

Ans. These were given to us by our God the Parliament, when they assumed illegally the whole power and authority of these Nations into their hands, telling us. We are your only Lords and Masters that have redeemed you from the Tyran-
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nical Government of a King or Single person, and brought you into the Freedom of a Lawless usurpation.

1. Thou shalt have no other Generals but us.

2. Thou shalt not set up any lawful Magistrate, King, Protector, or single Person, or any thing in their likenesse. Thou shalt not subject thy self to them nor truckle under them. For we your Lords and Masters are of so boundlesse spirits and so furious ambition, that whosoever shall offer resist to us, we shall punish them, sequester their Estates, and ruine their Families for ever; but those that will quietly submit their Ass-like backs to the intollerable slavery of our Lawlesse burdens, we will feed with the gracious Sugar-plums of *Kings Deans and Chapters* Lands for the maintenance of their Wives and Children.

3. Thou shalt not abuse our name with those ignominious terms of *Rump, Tail, or Fagg end*, for we have deeply sworn, that his Arse shall make Buttons, who shall dare to affront us in that Nature.

4. Thou shalt remember to be present at the *Guard* day, the rest of the daies you may follow your lawful Vocations of Pimping, Picking of Pockets, Filching or the like; but that is wholly to be reserved to our service: thou shalt be sure then to give thy attendance with all due and careful

ful preparation of Sword, Musket, and Bandleers : for this is a day wherein you must be diligent, to preserve our security, lest we should be disturbed in our making those good Ordinances of Laws, Excise and such other Acts of Grace for your good & the ruine of this malignant Nation.

5. Have an awful and reverent fear in thy mind of us, that so thou mayest long enjoy thy place, without danger of being Disbanded or cashiered.

6. Thou shalt when Commanded, Commit what Murder or Slaughter, we shall think fit.

7. Thou shalt at all times hold it lawful and take all occasions to lye with the Citizens Wives, wick may be a means to provide you with Linnen and other necessaries, which your want of pay may cause your indigence of.

8. Thou shalt Plunder, Filch, and Steal any thing thou canst lay thy hands on, for herein you come nearest to our example, and similitude in our grand Robberies and Sequestrations.

9. Thou shalt not stick to Trapan, betray, swear, forswear any thing never so false which may conduce to our interest and advantage.

10. Thou shalt desire & covet above all things the Plunder of the City, the Ravishing of their Wives

Wives, the Knocking down of their Prentices, and taking from them all that they have for the enriching of us and the Good Old Cause.

Well my Friends, I see you are sufficiently entrusted in your duty and cause, and so I see no reason why you should not receive confirmation, and have the Red Coat laid on your shoulders.



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